

10. (Amended) A method for labeling a sample container[s], comprising the steps of:

- providing a container for holding a sample to be analyzed;
- elevating a temperature of the container to an elevated temperature above a sample analysis temperature, which is greater than ambient temperature; and
- applying container identification to the container at the elevated temperature.

Please add the following new claim:

14. A method for labeling a sample container, comprising the steps of:

- providing a container for holding a sample to be analyzed;
- elevating a temperature of the container to an elevated temperature above a de-gassing temperature, which is greater than a sample analysis temperature; and
- applying container identification to the container at the elevated temperature.

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